REMARKS

All the remarks from the reply filed on April 15, 2008, are incorporated herein by reference.

The Advisory Action alleges that the rejection is maintained because no "chiral center" was identifiable in formula I. However, the Examiner apparently has not considered the possible substituent groups. When one considers the possible options for, e.g., R¹ and/or R³, such center(s) will be present.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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